GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
PAYING GUEST SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a Paying Guest Scheme for providing better lodging facilities to foreign and domestic tourists at cheaper rates and providing an opportunity to foreign tourists to acquaint themselves with the lifestyle, culture, tradition and Indian cuisine;

(b) if so, full details of the scheme; and

(c) the States in which the Government propose to introduce the said Scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO.1 FOR 24.02.2000 REGARDING PAYING GUEST SCHEME

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Union Ministry of Tourism in 1991 introduced the Paying Guest Accommodation Scheme for providing better lodging facilities to foreign & domestic tourists. The scheme was subsequently transferred to the State Government in 1995. The main objectives of the Scheme are given below:

- To provide affordable & hygienic accommodation facilities.

- To offer visiting foreign tourists an opportunity to stay with an Indian family, experience the Indian way of life, discover rich culture, relish exotic cuisine and to take back memories of an enchanting land.

Guidelines for Paying Guest Accommodation Scheme circulated to all the State Governments & Union Territories is enclosed at Annexure T.

(c): The scheme is available to all the States/Union Territories.